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1. During the past year Stefan Szumowski, Polish Minister to Argentina, has visited Uruguay on numerous occasions. It is known that he spent a considerable part of his vacation at Punta del Este and that he contacted the Uruguayan Foreign Office on three different occasions for the purpose of reestablishing diplomatic relations between Uruguay and Poland and stimulating commercial trade between Poland and Uruguay. Reportedly, he has been unsuccessful in establishing diplomatic relations and was advised that Uruguay is not interested at the present time. However, it was recommended that he make another approach toward the latter part of the year when a decision might be reached.
2. In June 1950 it was reported from Argentina that Szumowski had received instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Warsaw that he travel to Montevideo to discreetly sound out the possibility of establishing full diplomatic relations between Poland and Uruguay. Reportedly, Szumowski made a three-day visit to Montevideo from 29-31 May 1950 and while there he contacted Mauricio Mirabel, Uruguayan representative of the Polish trading company RECOMIN, who is suspected of being a Polish intelligence agent. Mirabel had arranged an interview for Szumowski with Dr. Carlos Quijano, an Uruguayan who is head of the Export-Import Commission in Uruguay and the director of the Montevideo weekly magazine, Marcha.
3. According to the report from Argentina, Quijano told the Polish Minister that Uruguay could not consider establishing diplomatic relations with Poland at the present time in view of the fact that the imminent presidential elections would make such a move most inopportune. Dr. Quijano is said to have added that at least for the time being a new commercial treaty between the two countries was out of the question. Dr. Quijano allegedly stated that in any case, it would be incumbent upon the Uruguayan Government first to request the opinion of the American Embassy in Montevideo on the subject. It was Quijano's personal belief that the American Embassy would be opposed to any such commercial treaty.*

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4. According to source, the Polish Minister to Argentina, after returning to Buenos Aires, advised Warsaw that the present time was not propitious for entering into any discussions aimed at establishing diplomatic relations with Uruguay.

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5. According to [REDACTED] source, during the early part of 1950, Szumowski was instrumental in obtaining divisas for the importation of Polish steel, wood, and heavy machinery, and although the divisas were distributed amongst the Montevideo merchants, no Uruguayan banks were willing to furnish the necessary credits.

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